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SUBJ: SALT AT CURRENT GA

REFS: STATE 203972; USUN 4574; USUN 4575

1. DESPITE HELPFUL EFFORTS OF GUERREIRO (BRAZIL) TO MAKE SALT RES LESS EXTREME THAN GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO) WOULD WISH, WE CANNOT RPT NOT ACCEPT COMMITMENT IMPLICIT IN CURRENT NON-ALIGNED DRAFT TO PERMIT GA TO REVIEW RESULTS OF SALT II. YOU ARE THEREFORE INSTRUCTED TO ABSTAIN ON RES CONTAINED USUN 4574 UNLESS SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TAKE PLACE IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE IT IS PUT TO A VOTE. IN LATTER CASE, WE ASSUME YOU WILL REPORT PROMPTLY THE NEW RESOLUTION ALONG WITH ANY RECOMMENDATIONS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE.

2. WE BELIEVE US ABSTENTION ON SALT RES SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF AMB LEONARD'S STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 30, 1970. SUGGEST US REP EXPLAIN TO FIRST COMMITTEE THAT QUOTE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS AND WELCOMES THE INTEREST SHOWN BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY IN THE FORTHCOMING SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR DISARMAMENT AND

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HENCE FOR WORLD SECURITY. FOR OUR PART, WE INTEND TO DO

EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSURE THEIR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.
HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE RESOLUTION UNDER
CONSIDERATION WILL FURTHER THE CAUSE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS
WHICH WE EXPECT WILL BE OF EXTREME COMPLEXITY. WE WILL
THEREFORE ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION. END QUOTE.

3. FYI. FIRST PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH OF NON-ALIGNED DRAFT
IS OF COURSE UNACCEPTABLE BUT WE PREFER TO EXPLAIN OUR
ABSTENTION ON BASIC ISSUE OF USEFULNESS OF GA RESOLUTIONS
TO SALT NEGOTIATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM STRAUS/GIVAN
TELECON NOV 13 THAT CANADIANS ARE SEEKING INTER ALIA TO
REMOVE MOST HARMFUL PORTIONS OF PARAGRAPH. END FYI.

4. YOU SHOULD INFORM SOVIETS IN ADVANCE OF OUR ABSTENTION.
GDS. ROGERS
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